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1. AT 9:30 PRESS BRIEFING FEBRUARY 5 FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN
(MAC)

COMMENTED ORALLY ON PEKING FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT CONCERNING
SPRATLYS (REFTEL). FOLLOWING IS GIST OF PERTINENT PORTIONS OF
SPOKESMAN'S REMARKS.

2. MAC SAID THAT COMMUNIST CHINA HAS ONCE MORE FALSELY ASSUMED
SOVEREIGNTY OVER SPRATLY ISLANDS. BUT ONCE MORE COMMUNIST CHINA
COULD NOT INTRODUCE ANY SHED OF EVIDENCE. SPEAKING OF ITS
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(COMMUNIST CHINA'S) ILLOGICAL DEMANDS THE RVN AGAIN REJECTS

COMMUNIST CHINA'S GROUNDLESS PRETENSIONS FLATLY -- AND WE
ASSERT THAT THE SPRATLY, AS WELL AS THE PARACELS, ARE AN INTEGRAL
PART OF RVN TERRITORY.

3. THE RVN SOVEREIGNTY OVER THESE ISLANDS HAS BEEN PROVED BY
ALL HISTORICAL, GEOGRAPHICAL, AND JUDICIAL FACTS AND BY REALITY.

4. MAC THEN EXPLAINED THAT THE RVN GOVERNMENT HAD TO THINK OF
THE TASK OF STRENGTHENING THE DEFENSE SYSTEM AND ADMINISTRATIVE
APPARATUS IN THE SPRATLYS FOLLOWING COMMUNIST CHINA'S RECENT
INVASION OF THE PARACELS BY FORCE. IF IS AN ORDINARY TASK THAT
ANY COUNTRY MAY DO WITHIN ITS TERRITORY, AND NOT A PROVOCATIVE ACT
TOWARD ANY COUNTRIES.

5. TO COMMUNIST CHINA'S THREATENING STATEMENT THE RVN
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE REASSERT THAT THE RVN DOES NOT INTEND
TO LAUNCH AGGRESSION AGAINST ANY COUNTRY, BUT WILL STEADFASTLY
PROTECT ITS SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY.
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